

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting a telephone interview with Applicant's Representatives, Scott Gallert and Kristi Smith, on March 14, 2007.

During the interview, Applicant's Representatives discussed the objections to the claims and the rejections under §§ 101, 112, and 103. Without conceding the propriety of these rejections, and in the interest of expediting allowance of the application, Applicant's Representatives proposed various clarifying claim amendments. Applicant's Representatives understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that the outstanding rejections would be withdrawn if the claims were amended as discussed during the interview.

For example, the Examiner tentatively agreed that the §101 rejection of claims 17-20 would be withdrawn if claim 17 were amended as discussed during the interview and as set forth herein.

Also, the Examiner tentatively agreed that the § 112 rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-17, and 19-28 would be withdrawn if those claims were amended as discussed during the interview and as set forth herein.

Regarding the § 103 rejection, the Examiner was receptive to the proposals, and tentatively agreed that the cited references lack features of each of the independent claims as amended.

Applicant herein amends each of the independent claims as discussed during the interview. Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.